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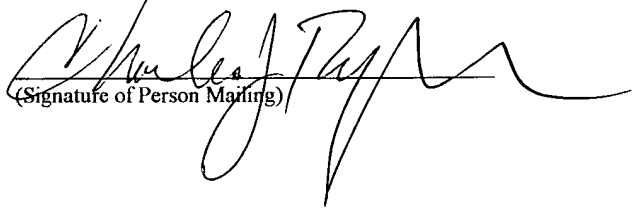
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**Response to Official Action Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 10, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.